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MOLLENHOFF: ...WILL MRS. FORD AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER KINDLY STEP TO THE MICROPHONES.

MRS. FORD: GRIDIRON CLASS OF 1975, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND GIVE FORTHRIGHT ANSWER TO OUR QUESTIONS.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER: DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR.....AND RESPECT YOUR SENIORS?

(MOLLENHOFF INITIATES IN ORDER, WITH HELEN THOMAS LAST) I DO.

MRS. FORD: DO YOU PROMISE TO LOVE, HONOR AND OBEY THE RULES AND TRADITIONS OF THE GRIDIRON CLUB?

(MOLLENHOFF INITIATES IN ORDER, EXCEPT FOR HELEN WHO REMAINS MUTE): I DO.

MRS. FORD: ANSWER THE QUESTION, HELEN.

HELEN: OH, ALL RIGHT, I DO.

MOLLENHOFF: MR. PRESIDENT, I NOW PRONOUNCE.....DECLARE THEM INITIATED, WARTS AND ALL.

WARREN: THANK YOU, MRS. FORD, MRS. ROCKEFELLER.....AND DON'T LET ME HEAR A YIP OUT OF YOU FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.